

THE CAMPGROUND WITNESS



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From The President:

Hello my camping loving, RV living Brothers and Sisters! Greetings to you from June and I. We are so looking forward to the 2022 International Rally in Mount Airy, North Carolina. I just checked and there were 25 units with reservations in the Mayberry Campground. There will be two music concerts with three music ministries, two worship services, prayer and devotion times, a LOT of things to do in the area, and MUCH MORE! Check the website pages for the ever-evolving agenda!

These are difficult times for all of us. We felt the pain of higher gas prices on our spring trip from Arizona to the Midwest. \$1500 for gas that cost us \$900 a year ago. Ouch!!! Senior Chaplain Alan Kashdan shared a scripture reference in a note he sent out that summarized both the situation today and the appropriate response for us to the challenges.

"In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." (2 Chronicles 15:5-7, NIV)

Notice that God is troubling the nations with all kinds of distress. Notice also the call of God to his people. Be strong. Do not give up. Our work will be rewarded. Now, that would preach!

In God's Word, many times over, we are not only promised but we are also assured of God's protection and provision to do the work of the gospel that he has called us to. We will not be ashamed. We will not be defeated. Our work is to share his love, his work is to lead us to the who and the where and the when that he foreordained before he created the heavens and earth. **GOD IS IN CONTROL!**

As we face these unsettling times, let's remember to keep our eyes on Jesus. Forget the news, it is the devil's tool to keep us fearful and ineffective. Remember God's promises! Get full of the Holy Spirit, that is God's answer to all the doubt, fear, and weakness. You will receive POWER to witness and that is to do our CALLING today. **CAMPGROUND WITNESS...!**

Do not fear friend, the Lord is with us. Wherever you go, campgrounds or Walmart or anywhere, listen for the leading of the Spirit to be Christ's witness. The signs promised (Mark 16:20) will follow when you share the Word of God with others. **Be strong. Do not give up. You will be rewarded.**

Richard Bartz, President

Chaplains Corner

The bible is a wonderful story, and when read topically, can provide a complete picture with very little external explanation needed. I'm drawing on the grace and beauty of God's Word for this issue's Chaplain's Corner. I hope you enjoy His Word, and pray your hearts are opened, and you receive what He has to say about Campers for Christ members sharing the Good News of the Gospel.

Paul often opens his letters graciously and summarizes what Jesus did for us on the cross and gives all the glory to the Father. GALATIANS 1:3-5

He comes to us in humble servitude with simple speech not declaring any mysteries of God, but simply as a man who knows nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified, demonstrating that our faith should *not* be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

He uses terms of endearment acknowledging the recipients obedience, encouraging them to work out their salvation, declaring it is God working in them both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13) further encouraging them to grow up into their salvation. 1 PETER 2:2

Jesus said "Follow Me" 13 times in the Gospels. Paul defined a Five-Fold Ministry to bring the Church into the unity of faith and knowledge of God to grow and become more Christ-like. We should mature in Christ, not be distracted by false doctrine, lies that sound like truth, and the deceitfulness of man. He further encourages us to speak in truth & love. That we may grow up in all things into Christ, being functioning parts of the body so that when working together properly, builds itself up in love. EPHESIANS 4:11-16

As believers, we have a responsibility to build the body of Christ in the manner given to us. Although some may have special Gifts, you don't need to have a particular Gift to be able to do this. Paul encouraged those who know their Gifts to use each as the Holy Spirit provides. For others, you don't need the Gift of Wisdom to impart insight to another. Nor do you need the Gift of Teaching to impart knowledge to another, as we all have taught others at one time or another, if not only our own children. We don't need that Gift of Administration to manage our finances or run our household. We all have experienced a "gut feel" about something from time to time and didn't need the Gift of Discernment to do so. In like manner, we can be obedient and share the gospel with our neighbors and people we meet without the Gift of Evangelism. We pray and laying-on hands and healing occurs without the Gift of Healing. All things are possible with God for those who believe: we often tend to sell ourselves short. God has equipped us to carry out what He has asked us to do, and in light of who we are, the lifestyle we live, and the people we meet at campsites.

The real power of being in God's will and obtaining freedom from fear, comes through being in action, following Jesus and his prime directives. Traveling between campsites, as members of Campers for Christ we are in a wonderful position to be in action. Jesus says in MATTHEW 28:18-20 "18...all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ..." In John 14:12, he reinforces that by saying : "12 Very truly I tell you,

whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.” We are told in Matthew 10:1 that “¹ Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority and power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” In Luke 10:19 Jesus told the returning 72 that “¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.” ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples as noted in both Luke 10:2 and Matt 9:37, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

We are praying this prayer. We give thanks that many of our members answer this prayer and do the bidding of our Lord and Savior. For those of you who enjoy your lounge chair under a camper awning, will you join us, stepping out beyond your comfort zone trusting in the Lord in these times?

Finally, in JOHN 4:35 we are told to move into action quickly “³⁵ Do you not say, ‘It is still four months until the harvest comes?’ Look, I say to you, raise your eyes and look at the fields and see, they are white for harvest.”

I support you in picking up your cross, and as you travel, as you fellowship with friends and new acquaintances, to put on the whole armor of God and speak boldly sharing the Gospel as Paul proclaimed in EPHESIANS 6:19-20.

May the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ permeate your life, and may you reflect His Love and Forgiveness: a lamplight to the lost and a guide to those seeking the narrow gate, for as it says in PROVERBS 11:25, “...he who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”

Alan Kashdan Senior Chaplain CFC

Rally Reports

TRI-LAKES CHAPTER (OK-AR-MO)

April 7-10th 2022

Venue: Blue Sky RV Park, Mt. View, AR

What a wonderful and blessed time we had at our first Tri-Lakes Spring Rally at Blue Sky in Mt. View, Arkansas since we re-activated in Sept. 2021! Our Tri-Lakes Chapter covers the southern part of Missouri, all of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

We had six couples and 5 guests. Thank you all for being there! It was a great time of food, fun, fellowship and ministry!

We welcome Mike Vail, Jerry Mefford and Kathy Vail as our new President, Vice-President and Treasurer, in that order. Thank you all for your love of the Lord, and your desire to serve Him and share Him with the world.

Thank you, Tammy, at Blue Sky campgrounds for hosting us and providing for us the facilities to make our rally a great success!

A huge shout-out to Razorback Camper Sales out of Hot Springs, AR for their gift to supply our breakfast meals. If you are in that area, please be sure to stop by and thank them for their donation to our Spring Rally!

We were also blessed to have the Southern Grace Gospel group join us and minister to us through worship, praise and the Word of God!

If you love to travel, meet new people, and serve the Lord, please be sure to look us up through our website. www.campers4christ.org. We have Chapters all over the U.S. so I'm sure you could find one in your home state.

Finally, we are looking forward to our October Rally in Branson, MO. Just go to our Facebook page: [Campers for Christ-Tri-Lakes Chapter \(OK-AR-MO\)](#) to join and/or sign up.

Blessings of the Lord!

Judy Mefford, Secretary Tri-Lakes Chapter

Special Prayer Requests

- **Campers For Christ Ministries and its members**
- **For the peace of Jerusalem and its leaders for salvation & wisdom, (Psm 122:6)**
- **United States of America and its leaders (1 TIM 2:2) for salvation & wisdom**

**“Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer
except that which lies outside the will of God”**

IN MEMORY OF...

Campers for Christ Ministries extends condolences to the families of the following CFC members who have departed earth and entered their Heavenly Home, to spend Eternity with Jesus. Our hearts and prayers are with the families as they adjust to the loss of their loved one.
May the love and peace of God comfort and strengthen you at this time.

None reported

2022 SCHEDULE OF RALLIES- Listed by date

Genesis Chapter, July 25 @ 5:00 pm - July 29 @ 11:00 am

Cedar Ridge Park COE Campground,
3790 Cedar Ridge Park Rd.,
Temple, TX 76502;
(254) 986-1404

Join us for the Summer Rally of the Genesis Chapter of Campers for Christ at Belton Lake near Waco at the Cedar Ridge Corps of Engineers campground. The rally will start on Monday evening, July 25th, and will end after the morning service on Friday, July 29th. We are staying at site 52 in Loop Four. Everyone should try and get a site as close to us as possible since all our gatherings and meals will be at our site. With a Senior Pass, the cost is only \$15 a night. Get your reservations at recreation.gov as soon as you can. More details coming soon! EVERYONE IS WELCOME — MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED!!

Organizer: Dennis Key, Phone: 281-543-6200; Email: offdkey@yahoo.com; Phone: (254) 986-1404

2022 Campers For Christ Ministries International Rally -August 24, 2022 - August 29, 2022

NOTICE: 30 Campsites are being held at the Mayberry Campground ONLY until all are reserved or **July 15**. YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS WITH THE MAYBERRY CAMPGROUND **RIGHT AWAY!!!** Contact Chad Caplinger chad@chadcaplinger.com (405) 434-8750 or Richard Bartz rbartz@campers4christ.org (928) 502-2375 for more information.

Make your plans NOW. We have an amazing venue this year. The campground is excited we are coming and is making sure that we will have everything we need for a great rally. Some things being planned:

- Continental breakfast and pot “blessing” evening meals in the picnic shelter with a kitchen!
- Thursday Night Healing Service
- Friday and Saturday night concerts with the Kinders and another group
- Afternoon times with optional training times, games, tour the town
- Annual Business meeting and election Saturday
- “The Auction” where attenders give stuff they want to donate and others buy it for too much money.

Much more will be planned. This is a really nice place to visit, you may well want to reserve a day or two before or after the event just to enjoy Mount Airy, Andy Griffith’s hometown.

We will be mostly in the northwest area and all functions will be centered around the north west picnic shelter and firepit. There are some attractions in Mount Airy.

CENTRAL REGIONAL RALLY EVENT

September 7 - September 11

Salmon Lake Park
247 Salmon Lake Road
Grapeland, TX 75844 Phone: 936-687-2594

All are Welcome – Membership Not Required! - Make Plans to Attend — More Details to Come!

Organizer: Chad Caplinger; Phone: 405-434-8750; Email: chad@chadcaplinger.com

TRI LAKES CHAPTER

Oct 8 @ 5:00 pm - Oct 10 @ 11:00 am

Indian Point COE Campground at Table Rock Lake; 3125 Indian Point Road; Branson, MO 65616-9615; 417-338-2121. <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232610>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED!

Great News – the Tri Lakes Chapter will be holding a rally in beautiful Branson, MO this fall!! There are a lot of things going on in the fall in this area, so be sure to make your reservations ASAP!

Location:

Will include times for prayer, devotionals, testimonies, and praise and worship. More details coming soon! Branson is nearby with many attractions. Some members are interested in going to the [Sight and Sound Theatre](#) which is performing Jesus live on stage through Oct. 8th, and Billye Brim Ministries [Autumn Assembly of Prayer](#), set for Oct. 12-17th.

Arrive early and stay longer if you like. Look forward to meeting you while we go camping in the shadow of the cross!

Organizer; Mike Vail; Phone: 501-762-2992; Email: KMVCrossWalk@gmail.com

Please send **DIRECTLY** to the Membership Chairman any changes in your postal Mailing Address / E-mail Address / Telephone (indicate whether cell). **THANK YOU!** Send to:

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Note to Secretaries of chapters:

- Send rally reports, announcements, death notices and prayer requests no later than the 15th of the month before publication is due, i.e. Aug 15th for the Sept newsletter. Send it directly to the editor at cgweditor@hotmail.com **not** the website manager
- Send rally reports ASAP via email (preferably) or postal mail to the editor. Please check your punctuation and grammar before submitting. Corrections will be made before publication.
- Try to keep the rally summaries to a reasonable length mention attendees, topics of different speakers and a detailed teaching by one of the speakers.
(We would like to see more teaching being sent so everyone can benefit from them)
- If a rally is cancelled or has changes of any kind, notify the editor and the website manager.
- Send to the editor and the web master all rally schedules as soon as you get them so they can be published in the next newsletter.

WE BELIEVE:

1. The Bible to be the inspired Word of God, authoritative and infallible in all aspects for living a holy and righteous life, the purpose of our creation.
2. There is one God eternal, manifested in the persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His atoning sacrifice through His blood, ascension and return for His Bride, the Church.
4. That regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is essential for salvation of a lost humanity
5. In the bodily resurrection at the last day.

OUR AIMS:

1. To provide a means for Christian campers to get together for fellowship at local and national levels.
2. To provide a way for recognition of Christians on the road or while camping.
3. To encourage a witness to others, while camping, regarding the claims of Jesus Christ, the club crest being an effective opener when asked to explain its purpose.
4. To provide a Chaplain service to campers if requested, especially to those who have no church affiliation.

****NEWS & NOTICES FOR ALL****

- Hello friends, we currently have a member owned business that would like to put up a poster to promote Campers for Christ in their business. We are looking for some help designing this poster. Do you have experience in this area or some ideas. If so please contact me so we can discuss some criteria. Also if you have a business that you would like a poster for please let me know. Be blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross. Richard Bartz, President Campers for Christ Ministries, 928-502-2375, richard@seamist.org
- I occasionally get the paper Campground Witness Newsletters returned to me as undeliverable due to an address change that we don't have. Please let your chapter members know if there has been a change in address that they notify both the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter.
Thanks, Leesa Verdot, Editor CGW